

The specimen killed had 31 white stripes on the body and 10 stripes on the tail, and was about 2' 4" in length.

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XVI.—EXTENSION OF THE RANGE OF THE BROWN WHIP SNAKE (*DRYOPHIS PULVERULENTUS* JAN.)

Dryophis pulverulentus has so far been recorded from Ceylon and the Anamallai Hills, South India [*vide Fauna British India* (Reptilia) p. 371, 1st Ed.]. While on a visit to Karwar, N. Kanara, I secured a male on the 14th September 1940. It measured 53 inches. This, however, is not the first record of this species from Karwar. There is a specimen in the Society's collection labelled 'Karwar' and another, 'Kanara'. Both are without the names of the donors and were collected in 1907. There are other specimens from, Castle Rock (*P. Gerhardt*, 1907); Nelliampatty Hills, S. India (*A. M. Kinlock*, Nov. 1911); Ceylon (*E. E. Green*); and, Matugama, Ceylon (*F. Wall*). Thus it is clear that *D. pulverulentus* is a lot more widespread than originally recorded.

My specimen is of interest as there are some slight differences exhibited by it when compared with the details given in the *Fauna*. In the first place there is a small ovate oblong scale bounded by the internasal, praefrontal and 2nd upper labial. Secondly, the number of ventrals is 195 as against 194 (maximum) mentioned in the *Fauna*—a very minor difference, indeed. Lastly there are 199 subcaudals as against 173 (maximum). These are all points of minor importance, but, nevertheless, I think, worth recording.

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XVII.—FROG EATING A SNAKE.

I was glad to read Mr. Charrington's note on 'Snake attacked by Frogs' in the Bombay Natural History Society's *Journal* Vol. xli, No. 3, because I witnessed a similar incident a few years ago. It was during the monsoon when I was returning from a dinner party and had just entered my gate, when in the headlights of my car I caught sight of a large frog (*Rana tigrina*) and a snake close to each other on the lawn. I stopped the car keeping the headlights on the frog and the snake, and got down to see what would happen. In a few minutes the frog hopped closer and leaped onto the snake taking hold of it by the neck. The snake which was only 10 to 12 inches long made frantic efforts